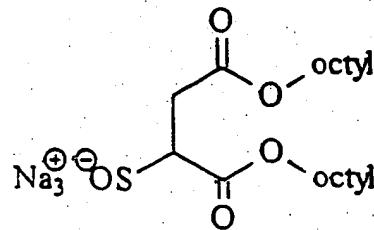


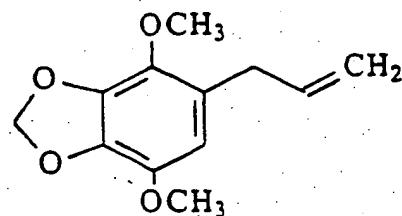
## CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for deactivating a Der-f and/or Der-p allergen present on a textile surface comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivating effective amount of one or more of deactivants selected from

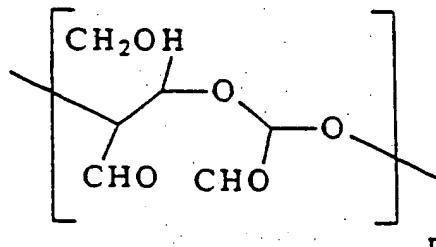
- i) cedarwood oil,
- ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride,
- iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
- iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
- v) polyquaternium-10
- vi) silica gel,
- vii) propylene glycol alginate,
- viii) ammonium sulphate
- ix) hinokitiol,
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
- xviii) a compound of formula I



xix) the compound of formula II



xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III



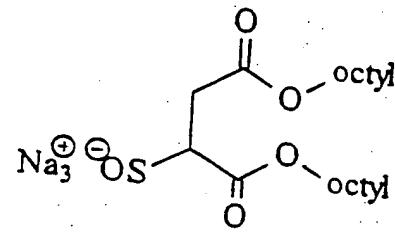
where n = 2 to 200,

- xxi) urea,
- xxii) cyclodextrin
- xxiii) hydrogenated hop oil,
- xxiv) polyvinylpyrrolidone,
- xxv) N-methylpyrrolidone,
- xxvi) the sodium salt of anthraquinone, and
- xxvii) potassium thioglycolate.

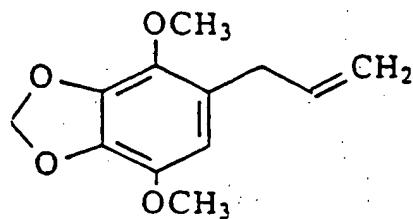
2. (currently amended) A method for deactivating a Der-f allergen present on a textile surface comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivating effective amount of one or more deactivants selected from

- i) cedarwood oil,

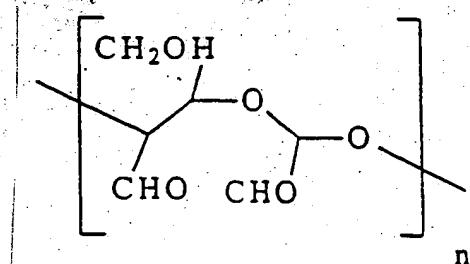
- ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride,
- iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
- iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
- v) polyquaternium-10
- vi) silica gel,
- vii) propylene glycol alginate,
- viii) ammonium sulphate
- ix) hinokitiol,
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
- xviii) a compound of formula I



- xix) the compound of formula II



xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III



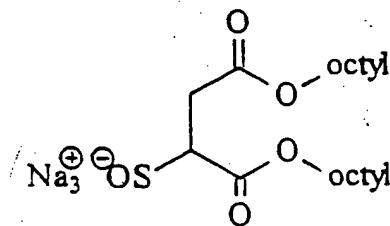
where n = 2 to 200,

- xxi) urea,
- xxii) cyclodextrin
- xxiii) hydrogenated hop oil,
- xxiv) polyvinylpyrrolidone,
- xxv) N-methylpyrrolidone, and
- xxvi) the sodium salt of anthraquinone.

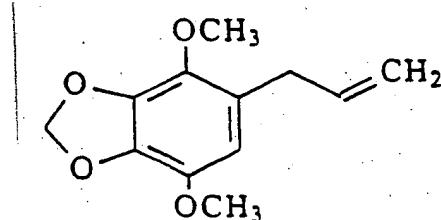
3.(currently amended) A method for deactivating a Der-p allergen present on a textile surface comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivating effective amount of one or more deactivants selected from.

- i) cedarwood oil,
- ii) hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride,
- iii) aluminium chlorohydrate,
- iv) 1-propoxy-propanol-2,
- v) polyquaternium-10
- vi) silica gel,
- vii) propylene glycol alginate,
- viii) ammonium sulphate
- ix) hinokitiol,

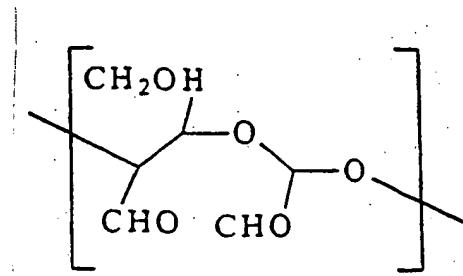
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- ~~xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,~~
- xviii) a compound of formula I



- xix) the compound of formula II



- xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III



where n = 2 to 200, and

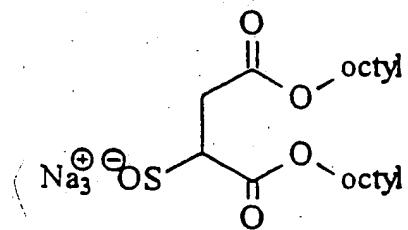
xxvii) potassium thioglycolate.

4. (currently amended) A method for deactivating allergens deriving from Der-f and/or Der-p dust mites, said allergens being associated with fecal particles excreted by said mites on the surfaces of fabric materials selected from rugs, rugs and upholstered furniture, which method comprises applying to said fabric materials a deactivant selected from

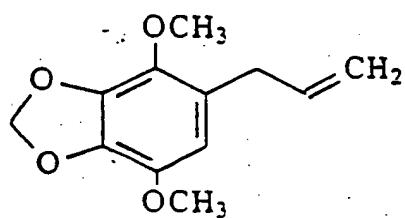
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- vi) silica gel,
- vii) propylene glycol alginate,
- viii) ammonium sulphate
- ix) hinokitiol,
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
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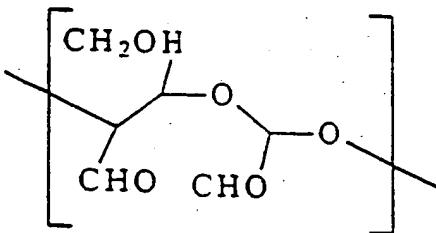
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xix) the compound of formula II



xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III



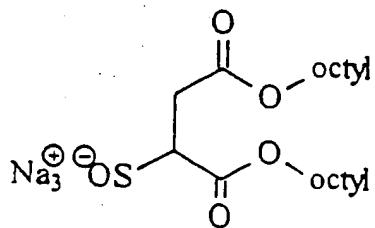
where n = 2 to 200,

- xxi) urea,
- xxii) cyclodextrin
- xxiii) hydrogenated hop oil,
- xxiv) polyvinylpyrrolidone,
- xxv) N-methylpyrrolidone,
- xxvi) the sodium salt of anthraquinone, and
- xxvii) potassium thioglycolate.

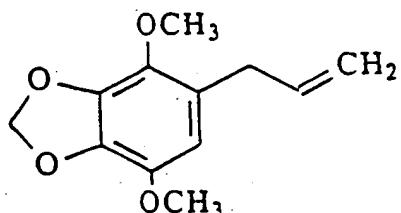
at an application rate of from 16 grams to 170 grams of deactivant per 10 square meters.

5. (original) A method according to claim 4 in which the allergens derive from Der-f dust mites and the deactivant is selected from

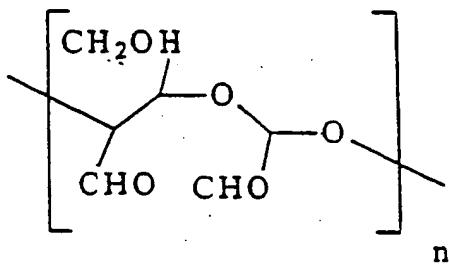
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- ix) hinokitiol,
- x) L-asorbic acid,
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- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
- xviii) a compound of formula I



xix) the compound of formula II



xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III

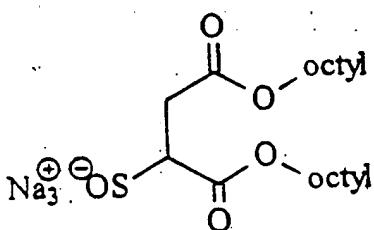


where n = 2 to 200,

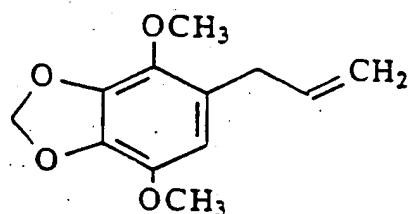
- xxi) urea,
- xxii) cyclodextrin,
- xxiii) hydrogenated hop oil,
- xxiv) polyvinylpyrrolidone,
- xxv) N-methylpyrrolidone, and
- xxvi) the sodium salt of anthraquinone.

6. (previously amended) A method according to claim 4 in which the allergens derive from Der-p dust mites and the deactivant is selected from

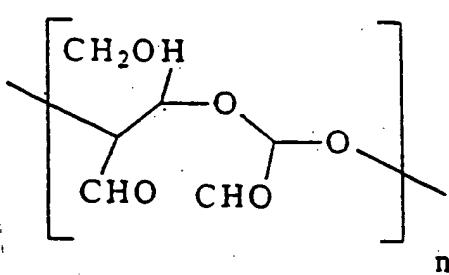
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- vi) silica gel,
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- ix) hinokitiol,
- x) L-asorbic acid,
- xi) immobilised tannic acid,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride
- xiv) hinoki oil,
- xv) a composite of AgCl and TiO<sub>2</sub>,
- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
- xviii) a compound of formula I



xix) the compound of formula II



xx) a polymeric dialdehyde containing two or more of a recurring unit of the formula III



where  $n = 2$  to 200, and

xxvii) potassium thioglycolate.

7. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, in which the deactivant is selected from

xiv) hinoki oil,

xv) a composite of  $\text{AgCl}$  with  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,

- xvi) diazolidinyl urea,
- xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol,
- xii) chlorohexidine,
- xiii) maleic anhydride,
- xxvi) the sodium salt of anthraquinone,
- xxviii) a compound of formula I, and
- xix) the compound of formula II.

Claims 8-16 (cancelled)

17. (new) A method according to claim 7 in which the deactivant is (xvi) diazolidinyl urea.

18. (currently amended) A method according to claim 7 for deactivating a Der-f and/or Der-p allergen present on a textile surface containing the allergen comprising contacting the allergen with a deactivant composition in which the deactivant is (xvii) 6-isopropyl-m-cresol present in an amount of from 0.01 to 3% of said composition.

19.(currently amended) A method according to claim 7 in which the deactivant is  
~~(xviii)~~ (xviii) a compound of formula I.

20.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1 in which the deactivant  
is (xi) immobilised tannic acid.

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### **Amendments to the Written Description**

1. On page 21, delete “Examples 48-55”, delete the text “Further samples . . .

given below:” and delete the entire table.

2. On page 21, change [[Examples 56-59]] to Examples 48-51.

3. On page 22, change [[Example 56]] to Example 48.

4. On page 23, change [[Example 57]] to Example 49.

5. On page 24, change [[Example 58]] to Example 50.

6. On page 25, change [[Example 59]] to Example 51.